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HOPEFULLY BY TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SUMMARIZED SITUATION FOR YOU BASED ON NUMEROUS REPORTS. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE YOUR PARA 2, IT WOULD SEEM AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT ONE EFFECT OF COUP COULD BE TO LESSEN RATHER THAN AGGRAVATE ETHNIC TENSION IN COUNTRY. ONE OF GRIEVANCES OF PEOPLE WHO SEIZED POWER WAS ALLEGEDLY PARTY (NOW INOPERATIVE) INSPIRED HARASSMENT OF TUTSIS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHICH LED TO CONSIDERABLE VIOLENCE. NEW GOVERNING "NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UNITY AND PEACE" IS PREACHING "LOVE YOUR COMPATRIOTS WITHOUT REGARD ETHNIC OR REGIONAL ORIGIN". PRESIDENT OF COMMITTEE, GENERAL HABYALIMANA, RECEIVED TELEGRAM OF SUPPORT AND THEN A SPECIAL ENVOY FROM MICOMBERO.

HABYALIMANA REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE TO ENVOY THAT PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, "INCLUDING ETHNIC," WOULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT BLOODSHED. WHAT

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WITH MICOMBERO'S EARLY MESSAGE AND GESTURE OF

SUPPORT AND HABYALIMANA'S PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF
GRATITUDE FOR THIS, PROSPECT IS THAT RELATIONS
BETWEEN RWANDA AND BURUNDI MAY BE IMPROVED AS WELL
AS BETWEEN ETHNICS IN RWANDA.
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